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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MLAT, PORG
SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RE
BELGRADE NAM MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 178240, (B) STATE 178242.

CHARGE AND EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER CALLED JULY 22 ON
ABDUL AZIZ AL-KHODR, DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S
OFFICE AND MEMBER OF GOK DELEGATION TO BELGRADE NAM MEETING,
TO MAKE POINTS IN REFTELS. CHARGE LEFT WITH AL-KHODR AN
AIDE MEMOIRE CLOSELY FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS IN STATE
REFTELS WITH EXCEPTION OF ZIONISM/RACISM ISSUE, WHICH
OMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DISCRETION AFFORDED REF B. DURING
CHARGE'S ORAL PRESENTATION OF MAIN POINTS, AL-KHODR RESPONDED
AS FOLLOWS:

A. CUBA. AL-KHODR SAID THAT GOK IS AGAINST MILITARY
INTERFERENCE BY CUBA IN AFRICA "AND ELSEWHERE." AT BELGRADE
KUWAIT INTENDS TO ATTACK SUCH INTERFERENCE, WITH CUBA IN
MIND, BUT WITHOUT IDENTIFYING CUBA BY NAME. OTHER
COUNTRIES, HOWEVER, WOULD KNOW FROM THE TENOR OF KUWAIT'S
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REMARKS THAT CUBA WAS AN INTENDED TARGET.

B. NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA. AL-KHODR SAID KUWAIT IS
AWARE OF AMERICA'S POSITIVE EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE
NAMIBIA PROBLEM. CONCERNING RHODESIA, HE SAID THAT
KUWAIT'S FOREIGN MINISTER, AS HE HAD TOLD AMBASSADOR
MAESTRONE IN THE PAST, HAS BLESSED THE EFFORTS OF THE

U.S. AND UNITED KINGDOM TO SOLVE THE RHODESIAN QUESTION.

C. PUERTO RICO. AL-KHODR SAID THE GOK AGREES WITH US THAT PUERTO RICO IS SOLELY AN INTERNAL AMERICAN MATTER. HE SAID GOK WOULD MAKE ITS RESERVATIONS KNOWN, IF AN UNFAVORABLE RESOLUTION WERE PASSED AT BELGRADE.

D. KOREA. AL-KHODR SAID THE GOK AGREES THAT THE KOREA ISSUE SHOULD BE AVOIDED AT BELGRADE. HE DID NOT COMMENT WHEN CHARGE EXPRESSED HOPE KUWAIT WOULD STATE RESERVATIONS IF NAM ADOPTED ONE-SIDED, PRO-NORTH KOREAN LANGUAGE.

E. MIDDLE EAST PEACE. ACCORDING TO AL-KHODR, KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA WILL NOT JOIN IN ANY ATTACKS ON PRES. SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVES. BUT THE HARD-LINE STATES, SUCH AS LIBYA, AND SYRIA, WHO WERE NOT REPRESENTED AT THE ARAB LEAGUE FOM MINS' MEETING IN CAIRO IN LATE JUNE, WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY ATTACK SADAT AND THE CURRENT MIDDLE EAST PEACE INITIATIVE.

F. MASS MEDIA. AL-KHODR LISTENED TO CHARGE'S PRESENTATION, BUT MADE NO COMMENT.
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